



## 2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 511

November 14, 2013 – Introduced by Representatives SWEARINGEN, KNODL, BROOKS, BERNIER, OHNSTAD, WEATHERSTON, T. LARSON and A. OTT, cosponsored by Senators LASEE, L. TAYLOR, LAZICH and GROTHMAN. Referred to Committee on Health.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 343.51 (1), 346.50 (2a) (intro.), 346.50 (3), 346.503 (1) and  
2             349.13 (1m) of the statutes; **relating to:** use of special identification cards for  
3             persons with physical disabilities.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk may obtain from the Department of Transportation a special identification card entitling a motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, used by the person with a disability to certain parking privileges, including parking in spaces reserved for use by such vehicles. Under this bill, a special identification card may be used for a motorcycle as for other motor vehicles.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

4             **SECTION 1.** 343.51 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:  
5             343.51 (1) Any person who qualifies for registration plates of a special design  
6             under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1m), or (1q) or any other person with a disability that limits

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1 or impairs the ability to walk may request from the department a special  
2 identification card that will entitle any motor vehicle, ~~other than a motorcycle,~~  
3 parked by, or under the direction of, the person, or a motor vehicle, ~~other than a~~  
4 ~~motorcycle,~~ operated by or on behalf of the organization when used to transport such  
5 a person, to parking privileges under s. 346.50 (2), (2a), and (3). The department  
6 shall issue the card at a fee to be determined by the department, upon submission  
7 by the applicant, if the applicant is an individual rather than an organization, of a  
8 statement from a physician licensed to practice medicine in any state, from an  
9 advanced practice nurse licensed to practice nursing in any state, from a public  
10 health nurse certified or licensed to practice in any state, from a physician assistant  
11 licensed or certified to practice in any state, from a podiatrist licensed to practice in  
12 any state, from a chiropractor licensed to practice chiropractic in any state, or from  
13 a Christian Science practitioner residing in this state and listed in the Christian  
14 Science journal that the person is a person with a disability that limits or impairs  
15 the ability to walk. The statement shall state whether the disability is permanent  
16 or temporary and, if temporary, the opinion of the physician, advanced practice  
17 nurse, public health nurse, physician assistant, podiatrist, chiropractor, or  
18 practitioner as to the duration of the disability. The department shall issue the card  
19 upon application by an organization on a form prescribed by the department if the  
20 department believes that the organization meets the requirements under this  
21 subsection.

22 **SECTION 2.** 346.50 (2a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 346.50 (2a) (intro.) Except as provided in sub. (3m), a motor vehicle bearing  
24 special registration plates issued under s. 341.14 (1a), (1e), (1m), or (1q) or a motor  
25 vehicle, ~~other than a motorcycle,~~ upon which a special identification card issued

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1 under s. 343.51 is displayed or a motor vehicle registered in another jurisdiction upon  
2 which is displayed a registration plate, a card, or an emblem issued by the other  
3 jurisdiction designating the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled person  
4 is exempt from any ordinance imposing time limitations on parking in any street or  
5 highway zone and parking lot, whether municipally owned or leased, or both  
6 municipally owned and leased or a parking place owned or leased, or both owned and  
7 leased by a municipal parking utility, with one-half hour or more limitation but  
8 otherwise is subject to the laws relating to parking. Where the time limitation on a  
9 metered stall is one-half hour or more, no meter payment is required. Parking  
10 privileges granted by this subsection are limited to the following:

11 **SECTION 3.** 346.50 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 346.50 (3) Except as provided in sub. (3m), a vehicle bearing special  
13 registration plates issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m), or (1q) or a motor  
14 vehicle, ~~other than a motorcycle,~~ upon which a special identification card issued  
15 under s. 343.51 is displayed or a motor vehicle registered in another jurisdiction upon  
16 which is displayed a registration plate, a card or an emblem issued by the other  
17 jurisdiction designating the vehicle as a vehicle used by a person with a physical  
18 disability is exempt from s. 346.505 (2) (a) or any ordinance in conformity therewith  
19 prohibiting parking, stopping, or standing upon any portion of a street, highway, or  
20 parking facility reserved for persons with physical disabilities by official traffic signs  
21 indicating the restriction. Stopping, standing, and parking privileges granted by  
22 this subsection are limited to the persons listed under subs. (2) and (2a) (a) to (m).

23 **SECTION 4.** 346.503 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 346.503 (1) In this section, “motor vehicle used by a physically disabled person”  
25 means a motor vehicle bearing special registration plates issued under s. 341.14 (1),

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1 (1a), (1e), (1m), or (1q) or a motor vehicle, ~~other than a motoreyele,~~ upon which a  
2 special identification card issued under s. 343.51 is displayed or a motor vehicle  
3 registered in another jurisdiction and displaying a registration plate, card, or  
4 emblem issued by the other jurisdiction which designates the vehicle as a vehicle  
5 used by a physically disabled person.

6 **SECTION 5.** 349.13 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 349.13 **(1m)** In addition to the requirements under s. 346.503 (1m), the  
8 department, with respect to state trunk highways outside of corporate limits and  
9 parking facilities under its jurisdiction, and local authorities, with respect to  
10 highways under their jurisdiction including state trunk highways or connecting  
11 highways within corporate limits and parking facilities within corporate limits, may,  
12 by official traffic signs indicating the restriction, prohibit parking, stopping, or  
13 standing upon any portion of a street, highway, or parking facility reserved for any  
14 vehicle bearing special registration plates issued under s. 341.14 (1), (1a), (1e), (1m),  
15 or (1q) or a motor vehicle, ~~other than a motoreyele,~~ upon which a special identification  
16 card issued under s. 343.51 is displayed or any vehicle registered in another  
17 jurisdiction and displaying a registration plate, card, or emblem issued by the other  
18 jurisdiction which designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled  
19 person.

20 **(END)**